

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 09, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

- Mayor Lin called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Council members in attendance: Lin, Binnie, Ratzlaff, Bhardwaj, Fulkerson.
- City Staff in attendance: City Manager Steve Albright, City Clerk Gabriel Adams, and City Attorney Paul Hagen.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION – No closed session.

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion (Binnie/Fulkerson) to approve the agenda as submitted. Passed unanimously.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 12, 2008 cc

Motion (Fulkerson/Bhardwaj) to approve the minutes as corrected. Passed unanimously.

VII. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Binnie - Parks and Recreation, Streets

TPW: PG&E will be replacing the metal plate covering the junction box on the downhill lane of Edwards Street. The Humboldt County Department of Public Works has offered to chip-seal the last section of Scenic Drive if the City pays for the material. The project will cost approximately \$2000-3000. A proposal will be brought to the Council at a future meeting. Suggested that the City accept their offer. The utility pole at the corner of Scenic and Main has been removed and the utilities undergrounded. The project took almost 9 years to complete.

Trails: The foot of the Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail has been repaired by TPW.

Bhardwaj – Health & Human Services, Planning

Health: Announced the upcoming village keeper list of events.

Planning: The March Planning Commission Meeting was cancelled. The Commissioners were asked to attend the Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Planning meeting instead. The BLM Kiosk project proposal for the harbor was withdrawn due to an appeal filed in opposition. The PC will hear the first view restoration permit application filed by residents of Underwood Street against the property owned by the Morrison Family. General Plan update workshops are being held regularly and the public is encouraged to attend.

Lin – Water, Town Hall – ***Nothing to report.***

Fulkerson – Public Safety – ***Nothing to report.***

Ratzlaff – Finance – ***Nothing to report.***

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager - Albright: Summarized various highlights and updates made to the staff activities and managers report submitted to the council in the meeting packet.

City Attorney – Hagen: ***Nothing to report***

Police Chief – Thrailkill – *Announced service calls and statistics for the month.*

City Clerk – Adams – Announced the results of the Tuesday, April 08 special election. The results were as follows: 78 No votes, 74 Yes votes. Measure A, the proposal to extend the 1% sales tax for an additional 4 years failed. Thanked poll-workers Ned Simmons, Jack Faulkner, Madalyn Johnson, and Jason Richie for their service, dedication, and attention to detail that allowed the election to run incredibly smooth, and without controversy.

IX. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

(Three (3) minute limit per Speaker unless Council approves request for extended time.)

Glenn Saunders – Trinidad

Asked the Council to thank PG&E for their work under-grounding the utilities and removing the pole at Scenic & Main. Also thanked the City Engineer for bringing conclusion to the Parker Creek Easement issue.

Jim Cuthbertson – Trinidad

My dog Daisy fell ill recently from ingesting rat poisoning somewhere near the beach.

Sungnome Madrone – Fox Farm Road

Thanked Saunders for giving trails and easements to the City. Also offered hope and encouragement to the city as it realigns itself in the wake of measure A failing. He encouraged the City to continue allocating funds in order to match or leverage more grant funding opportunities, and offered watershed consulting services free-of-charge to the City when seeking grant opportunities.

Mary Beck – Trinidad

Recently moved to Trinidad. Asked the Police Chief to clarify comments he made earlier regarding the recent Tsunami drill.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Staff Activities Report for March, 2008
2. Resolution 2008-06 Naming Authorized Persons to Execute Agreements with CalTrans.

*Motion (Binnie/Ratzlaff) to approve the consent agenda as submitted. **Passed unanimously.***

Councilmember Fulkerson had to excuse herself from the meeting at 7:25pm.

XI. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion/Decision regarding 2008-09 Budget Process. (Albright)

Public comment included:

Richard Johnson – Scenic Dr.

The Council put together a great budget last year. 27 action items were agreed to, but only 4 were accomplished. Also, the wish list that the Council assembled should be revisited. I will turn over all my work to the City Manager, and also offer my services to the Council free-of-charge for the budget process.

*Motion (Bhardwaj/Binnie) to proceed with the preparation of a draft FY09 Budget in accordance with the time frame included in the Managers proposal. **Passed 4-0. Fulkerson – Absent.***

2. Discussion/Decision to set public hearing to address unmet transit needs for the Trinidad area.
Motion (Bhardwaj/Ratzlaff) to set unmet transit needs hearing for April 23.
Passed 4-0. Fulkerson – Absent

XII. COUNCIL REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Council meeting ended at 7:55pm.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Gabriel Adams
City Clerk

Chi-Wei Lin
Mayor